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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 CASEY KATLONG,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR,

12 Respondent.

Case No. C20-0126-RAJ-MAT

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
APPOINT COUNSEL AND
APPOINTING FEDERAL PUBLIC
DEFENDER

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14 This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 immigration habeas action. Currently before the Court is
15 petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel. (Dkt. 8.) Respondent did not oppose the
16 motion.

17 When the interests of justice so require, the Court may appoint counsel to represent any
18 financially eligible individual who is seeking relief under § 2241. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B).
19 Petitioner has qualified for *in forma pauperis* status and therefore is financially eligible. In
20 addition, the Court has reviewed the record in this case and determines that the interest of justice
21 require the appointment of counsel. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS petitioner's motion to
22 appoint counsel (Dkt. 8) and APPOINTS the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of
23 Washington to represent petitioner in these proceedings.

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Within 14 days of the date of the Order, the Federal Public Defender shall enter an appearance. **Within 21 days** of the date of this Order, the parties shall meet, confer, and propose a new noting date for the Government's motion to dismiss in order to allow the Federal Public Defender time to prepare and file a response on petitioner's behalf.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable Richard A. Jones.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2020.


Mary Alice Theiler
United States Magistrate Judge